

ARTICLE APPEARED
ON PAGE A-32

NEW YORK TIMES
10 April 1986

Limits on Ex-Aides' Lobbying to Be Sought

By PHILIP SHENON

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, April 9 — The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee said today that he planned to introduce legislation severely restricting lobbying by former high-ranking Government officials.

The Senator, Strom Thurmond, Republican of South Carolina, said the bill would ban some of those officials from ever lobbying on behalf of foreign governments or corporations.

It would also prohibit former officials from lobbying the Government for one year after their departure from Federal service and bar them from working on behalf of a foreign entity for two years after leaving government.

Mr. Thurmond denied that his bill had been prompted by actions of Michael K. Deaver, the former White House deputy chief of staff, whose lobbying work has recently come under Congressional investigation.

Looking at 'Access Peddling'

"This is an overall effort to look at access peddling," said Mark Goodin, a spokesman for Mr. Thurmond, "This effort is not directed at any individual or any group."

Congressional aides said, however, that Senator Thurmond's decision to introduce the bill was a sign of growing concern over lobbying by former officials like Mr. Deaver. According to them, Mr. Thurmond is a Republican loyalist who would not take action that might embarrass the Reagan Administration unless he was deeply troubled.

Mr. Deaver's office said he was out of the country today and not available for comment.

In a written statement, the Senator said he believed there needed to be new restraints put on Federal employees seeking to become lobbyists. Those restrictions would be beyond those now provided under the Ethics in Govern-

ment Act.

"People should seek to work in the Federal Government as a way to serve their fellow citizens and not to gain information and access that is then used to influence the outcome of issues for the benefit of a client," the Senator said.

'Mish-mash of Laws'

"Something must be done to clarify and expand the confusing mish-mash of laws now regulating Federal employees who leave their official duties to pursue careers lobbying the Federal Government."

Mr. Deaver, who resigned from the White House last year and formed a lobbying concern, is now under investigation by the General Accounting Office regarding his work as a consultant to the Canadian Government on acid rain and other issues. Agency officials say they are focusing on whether there was any tie between Mr. Deaver's White House work and his subsequent consulting job.

Since his departure, Mr. Deaver has garnered several other prominent clients, including the Governments of South Korea and Saudi Arabia and Rockwell International.

The Senator's bill would add additional restrictions to rules now enforced under the Ethics Act. The act bars former senior officials from conducting business with the agencies in which they served for one year after they leave Government.

Under the Thurmond measure, former high-level officials would be barred from dealing with any agency of

the Federal Government for a year following their departure from office.

Mr. Thurmond indicated that the lifetime ban on lobbying for foreign governments and corporations would apply to a handful of executive branch officials, such as the Director of Central Intelligence, the Secretary of State, and the National Security Adviser.

"There is something disquieting to me about those individuals, many of whom are privy to some of our Government's most sensitive information about national security and trade, who leave the Government and are retained by a foreign power," he said.

Mr. Thurmond said the Judiciary Committee would hold hearings on his bill later in the spring.

STAT